

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.), MO  
SUBJECT: VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

REF: STATE 069534

1. FONMIN LARAKI MARCH 30 INDICATED HE HAD PERSONALLY TAKEN CHARGE OF OVERALL PLANNING FOR MR. HABIB'S VISIT AND HAD REQUESTED A CALL ON THE KING. HE AND PRIME MINISTER ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING THE UNDER SECRETARY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOM'S GENERAL THINKING IS TO DEVOTE FRIDAY TO WORKING SESSIONS AND CALLS, LEAVING SATURDAY LARGELY AT THE DISPOSAL OF MR. HABIB. THE GOM WOULD HOST SOME SOCIAL FUNCTION IN THIS PERIOD.

3. EMBASSY TO FILL IN PROGRAM WITH BRIEFINGS, A SOCIAL FUNCTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR, MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF, AND A WREATH LAYING AT THE TOMB OF PRESENT KING'S FATHER. BLACK DINNER JACKETS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR ANY FUNCTIONS GIVEN HERE.

4. UNLESS GOM INVITES MR. HABIB TO STAY IN GOVERNMENT QUARTERS, HE IS INVITED TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE. FORBES IS  
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INVITED TO STAY WITH CONTROL OFFICER FSO CHARLES L. DARIS, HOME TELEPHONE 336-06.

5. THE GOM CAN BE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE HABIB GRACIOUSLY AND EFFICIENTLY. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT FIRM PLANNING TENDS TO AWAIT THE LAST MINUTE. IN PART THIS IS DUE TO A SIMILAR TENDENCY ON THE PART OF THE PALACE,

FOR THE KING'S SCHEDULE WOULD OF COURSE PREEMPT ANYTHING ELSE ON THE SCHEDULE. THE KING, INCIDENTALLY, IS IN MARRAKECH. IF HE SHOULD STILL BE THERE WHEN MR. HABIB VISITS, WE WOULD EXPECT THE PALACE TO PROVIDE PLANE TRANSPORT DOWN.

6. RE PRESS HANDLING WE SUGGEST THE UNDER SECRETARY CONSIDER A BRIEF STATEMENT TO PRESS ON ARRIVAL, WITH A BRIEF STATEMENT AND A FEW QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS ON HIS DEPARTURE. THERE WILL BE INEVITABLE RUMORS AS TO THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT, AND HIGH LEVEL U.S. VISITORS IN THE PAST HAVE FOLLOWED THIS FORMULA. UPON RECEIVING PRESS GUIDANCE PROMISED REFTEL, WE WILL CABLE PROPOSED WORDING OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

7. WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB'S RECOMMENDATIONS HELPED GALVANIZE GOM INTO UNWONTED EARLY ENERGY IN ARRANGING VISIT.  
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